## **OUR MISSION**

Dream Foundation, the only national dream-granting organization for terminally-ill adults, serves individuals and their families

by providing end-of-life Dreams that offer comfort and closure.

# **DREAM PROGRAM**

With the support of a nationwide network of volunteers, hospices, health care organizations and committed donors, Dream Foundation has given life to more than 34,000 final Dreams since our inception in 1994.

Our Dreams touch lives, meet essential needs, reunite families and play a critical role in the special end-of-life care that focuses on improving quality of life for Dream recipients and their families.

Dream Foundation receives no state or federal funding—we rely solely on private and corporate donations. To support our mission please visit www.dreamfoundation.org/donate.



GIVING LIFE TO FINAL DREAMS











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## REQUESTING A DREAM

Our application process is simple. You can apply online at www.dreamfoundation.org, where you'll find all the information you need about the application process, the kinds of Dreams we fulfill and answers to frequently asked questions.

Dreams can range from basic needs items, such as a new computer or TV, to a vacation, a bedside reunion or meeting a personal hero and everything in between—requests that provide joy and relief. Through this non-medical form of end-of-life compassionate care, Dreams provide inspiration, comfort and closure to Dream recipients and their families.

#### Qualifications

Dream recipients are at least 18 years old, diagnosed with a life-limiting illness and a life expectancy or ability to participate in their Dream of 12 months or less, and they lack the resources to fulfill their Dream.

## Who can apply?

Applications come from qualified individuals, as well as from social workers and healthcare or palliative care professionals who apply on behalf of their patients. We also take applications from veteran support organizations, such as the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

## **Dream Application**

To apply, please visit our website at www.dreamfoundation.org or call us at 888-4DREAMS. Please contact application@dreamfoundation.org for more information. Please note: an abbreviated application is available to those currently receiving hospice care.

Guidelines are subject to change. For up-to-date information, please visit www.dreamfoundation.org/dream-requests.





## SOME CONSIDERATIONS

Each year our office receives hundreds of requests for assistance. We give our best effort to address each one as quickly as possible. Dream recipients must be an active participant in the request and the Dream must be realistic with respect to timing and health restrictions.

## We do not fulfill certain types of Dreams

- Requests for adults with chronic illnesses, unless they are in their last year of life
- Requests from individuals living outside of the United States and Puerto Rico
- Cash
- Surprise Dreams
- · Reimbursements for completed Dreams
- Legal assistance
- · Automobiles, lifts, repairs, and RV/car rentals
- Hunting
- Property and home improvements or repairs
- · Funeral arrangements or posthumous requests
- Travel outside of the U.S. and Puerto Rico\*
- Medical treatment/supplies/equipment/ transportation or dental extractions
- · Cruises
- Any Dream request deemed offensive, inappropriate or inconsistent with Dream Foundation values or those of our corporate sponsors

'On a case-by-case basis we may allow one-way travel outside of the U.S. and Puerto Rico for patients who wish to die at home.

## WHAT DREAM FAMILIES SAY...

"You have given me back the passion and excitement that has been missing for well over a decade. Thank you for changing my life for the better!"

- BRIAN, Dream recipient

"The very precious, tender and profoundly loving moments with my father will always be in my heart."

- PEGGY, Daughter

"In a world of such chaos and insanity, it's nice to know that there are those that still truly care about what it means to be human. This has been more than a Dream, it has been a kiss and a hug from God."

RANDY, Dream recipient

"A million thank yous in every language on Earth could not express our feelings at this time."

- LARRY, Dream recipient

"These two friends of nearly 50 years got to recall great times together and say their final farewells. Thanks to you all, two best friends got together one last time."

- Dream recipient's Brother

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